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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000,

Having considered the Millennium Declaration,

Expressing satisfaction that, for the first time in history, so many heads of State and Government gathered at a Summit in New York and reached a successful conclusion and adopted the Millennium Declaration,

Stressing the need for maintaining the political will and momentum of the Millennium Summit at the national, regional and international levels in order to translate commitments into concrete action,

Recognizing the necessity to create a framework for the implementation of the Declaration,

Stressing the importance of a comprehensive and balanced approach in implementation and follow-up,

1. *Calls for* an integrated, coordinated, comprehensive and balanced approach in the implementation of the Millennium Declaration at the national, regional and international levels;

2. *Recognizes* that Governments bear the main responsibility, individually and collectively, for action and implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Calls upon* the entire United Nations system to assist Member States in every way possible in the implementation of the Declaration;

4. *Decides* to use existing structures and mechanisms and upcoming events and special sessions of the General Assembly as well as related conferences and events to the maximum extent possible in the implementation of the Declaration and requests the President of the General Assembly to follow up these processes;

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5. *Requests* the Main Committees of the General Assembly to ensure that the outcome of the Summit is taken into account in their work;

6. *Calls upon* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to be involved in the follow-up to the Summit, and invites specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust their activities, programmes and medium-term strategies, as appropriate, to take into account the follow-up to the Summit;

7. *Invites* the regional commissions, in cooperation with regional intergovernmental organizations and regional development banks, to review progress made towards implementing the Declaration;

8. *Requests* the United Nations system to take action to meet the special needs of Africa and to strengthen the broad range of its engagement in Africa, with a view to intensifying support for poverty eradication and sustainable development, for combating diseases and pandemics and for the process of conflict prevention and the consolidation of democracy;

9. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the Declaration will require resources and adequate financing at the national, regional and international levels and that additional financial resources are needed, in particular in Africa and the least developed countries;

10. *Requests* the appropriate bodies to consider urgently how the implementation of the Declaration should relate to the biennial budget process and the medium-term plan;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure system-wide coordination to assist with the implementation and invites him to identify, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, innovative ways of enhancing cooperation and coherence throughout the United Nations system;

12. *Invites* the Bretton Woods institutions to be actively involved in the implementation of and follow-up to the Summit and to enhance their cooperation with other parts of the United Nations system for a coherent implementation of the Declaration;

13. *Also invites* the World Trade Organization to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration;

14. *Call for* enhanced partnership and cooperation with national parliaments as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to ensure their contribution to the implementation of the Declaration;

15. *Requests* the specialized agencies, the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization to keep the General Assembly informed on how they contribute to the implementation of the Declaration;

16. *Also requests* that the events and conferences referred to in paragraph 4 above keep the General Assembly informed about how they contribute to the implementation of the Declaration;

17. *Reiterates* the call to assess, on a regular basis, progress towards implementing the Declaration;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this context, to prepare a long-term "road map" towards the implementation of the Declaration within the United Nations system and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a periodic report every five years and annual reports to review progress towards implementing the Declaration, taking into account the following:

(a) The broad array of specific goals and commitments enunciated in the Declaration should be reflected, while allowing each annual report to look in greater depth at one or two areas covered in the Declaration;

(b) There should be a focus, in this respect, on the results and benchmarks achieved, the "best practices" for achieving them should be identified, the major gaps in implementation should be defined and strategies for reducing the number of gaps and eliminating them should be suggested, including through strengthening United Nations capacity for gathering and analysing information and assisting the functional commissions in developing indicators for development;

(c) Relationships across issues and sectors should be explored and highlighted, in particular with regard to cross-cutting themes on development and peace and security;

(d) Reports should draw on the work of the entire United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization;

(e) The reporting system should be appraised with a view to strengthening its coherence and integration;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit".